

# Familiarization with Quranic Suras

## Month of Ramadan 1439 – Day 20

**Brief Info** Sura al-Fatir, No. 35. Revealed in Makkah, 45 verses.

### Sura Significance

The sūra is also known as *Sura Mala'ikah*, from the first verse that talks about angels. *Whoever recites Sura Mala'ikah three doors of the doors of Heaven will invite him on the Day of Judgment, to enter from whichever door he wishes* - Holy Prophet ﷺ

*Tafsīr Namūne* mentions that since each door of Heaven symbolizes a belief or action, this could refer to the three beliefs of Tawhid, Nubuwwah and Qiyāmah emphasized in these verses.

**Note:** Quranic Scholars say that the reward is connected to the contents of the Surah and requires that recitation be done with awareness, comprehension, reflection and having an intention of implementation.

### Synopsis of contents

The central theme of the sūra is the greatness and Lordship of Allah ﷻ.

The sūra includes;

- Signs of the Oneness of God as the only Creator and Provider (vv. 1-3, 13-17, 27-28 ...)
- Human creation and growth towards perfection (vv.10-11)
- Analogies to show the difference between faith and disbelief (vv. 19-23)
- Role of Prophethood (vv. 23-25)
- Rewards and punishment of the Hereafter (vv.33-37)

### Some Lessons from the Sura

- 1) There are many signs around us of the Lordship and nurturing qualities of Allah ﷻ.
- 2) The world and shayṭān deceive us and take us away from Allah ﷻ.
- 3) Sometimes human beings see their evil actions as good (see v. 8)
- 4) All honor belongs only to Allah (see v. 10)
- 5) Belief and disbelief are polar opposites.
- 6) Rewards of the Hereafter will remove all negative emotions from the inhabitants.

### Suggested verses for memorization in Arabic and English

- 1) 35:10 - *Whoever seeks honour should know that honour entirely belongs to Allah.*
- 2) 35:15 - *O mankind! You are the ones who stand in need of Allah, and Allah—He is the All-sufficient, the All-praised*

### Activities for self-study

- 1) List all the signs of Allah ﷻ mentioned in the sūra – about the various elements of nature, the human being . . .
- 2) Two verses of the sūra address all of mankind, beginning with ‘O mankind’. What do these verses state?